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SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE ANALYST POSITION FOR BOGOTA

REF: DEA 9263

1. THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR DEA LOUIS BACHRACH, CAME TO TALK TO ME AT 3:00 P.M. NOV 7. BACHRACH WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SAIC OCTAVIO GONZALEZ. THE MEETING LASTED FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR.
2. AFTER ABOUT ONE HALF HOURS DISCUSSION, BACHRACH ASKED HOW THE EMBASSY HAD COME UP WITH THE IDEA THAT DEA WAS SENDING AN INTELLIGENCE ANALYST TO BOGOTA. HE ADDED THAT THE MAN SLOTTED FOR THE POSITION WAS NOT AN INTELLIGENCE ANALYST BUT AN AGENT WHO WOULD OPERATE MORE OR LESS AS OTHER AGENTS, BUT WITH THE DIFFERENCE THAT HE WOULD SPECIALIZE IN INVESTIGATIONS AND IN DEVELOPING INTELLIGENCE IN THE FIELD TO BREAK CASES.

3. I EXPLANINED THAT IT WAS DEA WHO HAD PROPOSED THE POSITION OF AN INTELLIGENCE ANALYST. DEA HAD DESCRIBED THE JOB TO US AS AN IN-HOUSE POSITION, SOMEONE WHO HAD THE BACKGROUND AND TRAINING TO SIT BEHIND A DESK AND PULL TOGETHER ALL AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE, REQUEST INFORMATION WHERE THERE WERE GAPS WHICH MIGHT HELP PULL A CASE TOGETHER, WRITE UP STUDIES OF THE VARIOUS NARCOTICS NETWORKS, AND ACT AS A LIAISON POINT IN THE MISSION FOR ALL INTELLIGENCE
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COLLECTION. I SAID THAT WE HAD NOT BEEN ENTIRELY

CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR SUCH A POSITION BUT AS IT WOULD NOT ADD TO THE NUMBER OF AGENTS WORKING IN ACTIVE OPERATIONS AND AS WE FELT THAT WE HAD TO ACCEPT, TO SOME EXTENT, DEA'S TECHNICAL JUDGMENTS OF PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS WE HAD BEEN WILLING TO GO ALONG.

4. BACHRACH AGAIN ASKED WHERE THIS POSITION DESCRIPTION CAME FROM AND I AGAIN RESPONDED THAT IT CAME FROM DEA. I ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT HAD BEEN NO EASY JOB TO ELICIT THIS INFORMATION FROM DEA WHICH HAD SEEMED SATISFIED TO LEAVE THE JOB DESCRIPTION VAGUER THAN WE HAD WISHED. IT WAS FOR THAT REASON, I EXPLAINED, THAT WE HAD DOCUMENTED IN CABLE AFTER CABLE THE TYPE OF POSITION TO WHICH WE HAD AGREED.

5. BACHRACH WAS OBVIOUSLY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE COURSE THE CONVERSATION HAD TAKEN AND SAID THAT WE HAVE NO IDEA OF THE PROBLEMS HE HAS WITH THE WASHINGTON OFFICE. HE ADDED THAT WE SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, WORRY ABOUT THIS; THAT HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM.

6. I SAID THAT I THOUGHT IT WAS A PROBLEM THAT DEFINITELY NEEDED TAKING CARE OF BECAUSE IN THIS CASE THERE WAS A QUESTION OF GOOD FAITH BETWEEN DEA AND THE AMBASSADOR.

7. BACHRACH REPEATED THAT HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE MATTER AND WE WENT ON TO OTHER SUBJECTS.

8. COMMENT: THE ABOVE IS TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION. IT IS OBVIOUSLY NOT A WORD-FORWORD RECOUNT, BUT I THINK IT ADEQUATELY COVERS THE SENSE OF THE CONVERSATION.
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